

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is the Chief Secretary in a position to enlighten me in which part of the roads in Trivandrum the prosecutions and the impounding referred to in the answer were resorted to?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information at present.

Appointments in the Co-operative Department.

168. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a letter has been sent over the signature of the Chief Secretary directing the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to appoint only Syrian Christians in important centres?

(b) Was the letter approved by the Dewan?

(c) Is it a fact that the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has issued a circular to his subordinates directing them not to recommend the registration of societies formed of a particular community?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) In regard to the posting of Inspectors in the Co-operative Department, Government ordered that Syrian Christians should be posted in the Kottayam Division and other parts where they are in large numbers and Tamilians in the Southern Districts, on the principle that in co-operative work people are likely to respond better to their own folk. This order was communicated by the Chief Secretary to Government.

(b) Letters issuing from the Huzur Office are not *all* previously seen by the Dewan but are based upon orders passed by him.

(c) A copy of Circular* No. 99, dated the 14th April 1925, issued by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, is placed on the table. The Member will observe that that circular does not direct the subordinates of the Co-operative Department "not to recommend the registration of societies formed of a particular community" but only proposes the adoption of the procedure in respect of such applications laid down in the Madras Co-operative Manual and emphasises the need for discouraging such clannish societies having regard to the broader aspects of the movement. It is necessary to add that, so long ago as December 1919, Government, in their review on the report of the Co-operative Department for 1094 M. E., endorsed the view of the Registrar "that co-operative societies formed on a communal basis are generally to be deprecated" and that, of the 243 societies registered since the issue of the circular till February 1926, 45 societies were communal in their constitution.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether there is any provision in the letter to appoint members of other communities in taluks where those communities are in a majority? That is, in taluks where the Syrian Christians are in a majority it has been ordered that only Syrian Christian Inspectors are to be appointed.

* Vide Appendix I—page 618.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The letter does not say that *only* Syrian Christians are to be appointed.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Does the letter contain any provision that Nairs and Brahmins should be posted in places where they are in large numbers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No such intimation was necessary, because even now Nairs and Brahmins are posted to places where they are large in number; and also to places where they are not.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What was then the necessity to issue this order?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is given in the answer itself.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know further with regard to part (b) whether this particular letter is based upon the orders passed by the Dewan previously?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The second part gives the answer.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): It is stated in the answer to part (b) that "letters issuing from the Huzur Office are not all previously seen by the Dewan but are based upon orders passed by him". May I know whether this letter was based upon orders passed by the Dewan previously?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer to the second part.

Present Money Market.

169. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the Dewan's statements, *viz.*, "the persistent stringency of the money market" and "the continued stringency of the money market", made in 1924 and 1925, respectively, at the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, and the Financial Secretary's statements *viz.*, "and the tightness of the money market has been further enhanced" and "at no time in the memory of the present generation has she been seriously afflicted by floods, famines or other ravages of nature", made in the Legislative Council in 1098 and 1099, will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken to ease the present stringency of the money market?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): It is not possible for the Government of Travancore to ease or otherwise influence the money market into the condition of which world-factors enter.

Appointments made by the Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory.

170. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement of appointments, temporary, acting

Appendix I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 168.

CIRCULAR No. 99.

In taking up applications for registration of societies for disposal, it is noted that due regard to the principles and ideals that ought to be aimed at by the movement is not paid by persons applying or officers forwarding them. A predilection to communal and clannish societies unfortunately exists in rural parts. The department has been systematically discouraging the tendency without however totally refusing such societies, lest a possible promising nucleus be denied a chance of disseminating the principles of co-operation. In view of the above broad aspect it is to a degree disappointing that Unions, Honorary Organisers, and even Inspectors do not devote sufficient attention and care in recommending applications.

The procedure to be followed on the receipt of such applications is laid down in clear language in the Madras Co-operative Manual. Pages 11, 107 to 117 of the book ought to be carefully studied by every organiser and he should read them again every time he begins to deal with an application. The main principle and system that ought to guide the Departmental Staff was discussed at the last Conference of Inspectors in Vrishigom 1100. It was agreed then that, in new areas, where no societies exist, separate societies for classes should not be allowed. This ought not to be in the name of a society alone. To effectively work the idea, care should be taken that persons of all communities are admitted in the application. Local prejudices, if any exists, ought to be met in full and removed, and, so far as possible, an open public meeting should be held in the locality. Insistence on assuming very limited and circumscribed areas of working for rural societies would also help the realisation of non-communal societies. The help of local and taluk leaders would also be useful largely in convincing the masses. It was also proposed at the Conference that the Inspectors and Supervising Unions should, in suitable areas, educate existing societies of different classes in the advantages of common and cosmopolitan societies with a view to coalesce them and dividing, of course, if necessary, to suit local areas or *karas*.

Careful organisation at first and careful supervision during the first year of a society's existence contribute mainly to the success of ordinary rural societies. The main ideas should not, on any account, be sacrificed for the sake of despatch or willingness to grant a request. It is hoped that in future application for registering new societies would be dealt with more satisfactorily when forwarded by Unions, Inspectors or Honorary Organisers. An Organisation Report on the model given on page 110 of the Manual should accompany. The form is indicative of the points to be considered and should serve as a useful guidance.

14th April 1925.

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